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FOR NINA WILCOX PUTMAN

Dear Sirs, and Cats:

I enjoy CATS magazine very much but am a trifle jealous because my picture has not yet appeared in it. I am therefore enclosing my latest press-photo by Ylla hoping you will do something about it.

As cats go, I am a great writer, having ghost-written for my owner-mother when she was not feeling up to "scratch" and also for my god-father, the famous Mexican writer Pepe Romero when he has been up late—and thereby hangs a "tail".

Also I am a direct descendent of the first pair of Siamese cats ever brought to the U.S.A. These ancestors were given to Commander Hovey-King, U.S.N. by the then King of Siam, so in a way I am a Palace Cat although I have a straight cordal appendage.

Hoping you can say as much for yourselves with kindest regards, I remain sincerely

Pepe (The Cat) Romero Jr.

Dictated to Nina Wilcox Putnam but not signed, at Casita Santa Ines, Cuernavaca, Morelos, Mexico.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES

Dear Editors:

I have been in the Philippines for the past seven years and saw my first Abyssinians and Burmese at the Atlantic Show in January. A Philippine superstition says that one must possess thirteen cats to have good luck. I've had twelve and fourteen, but never could hit the exact thirteen required.

Cats tend more to the red and white varieties in the Philippines with a few Torties here and there. Completely black cats are rare -- I remember seeing only one during my entire stay. Pure Tabbies are not frequent either. Some few people have gone in for breeding Siamese—mostly those who had learned of them in America or from Americans.

Neutering and spaying of so-called "house" cats was an unheard of luxury,

and despite the prevalence of rabies among the millions of miserable dogs that roamed the streets, I never heard of cats contracting it and passing it on.

For my part, cats were a must in the Philippines where all kinds of vermin thrive. I have seen kittens go after huge spiders (non-poisonous, I was told) almost their own size. The spiders could throw me into a tizzy, but to the cats it was all in day's work. But, with veterinary care as expensive as it was and food prices higher than those in New York, it was impossible to do as much for the pets as one would have liked.

Cats in general were somewhat smaller than they are here in the States—perhaps as a matter of diet, or perhaps simply because all animal life seemed smaller—except cockroaches, spiders, etc.

Mother and I have found your magazine most interesting and instructive. You're doing fine, and the only thing we would suggest to make it more valuable would be color photographs, but I realize the cost would be prohibitive.

Best wishes to you and your readers.

Marian V. Dibbell

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FOUR COLORS PLUS

Dear Editors:

Although the picture doesn't show it, the Tom cat in the arms of my son Tommy has grey, black, and yellow spots mixed in with the tabby stripes and white. The spot on his nose, for example, is yellow. Although I know he is not a true Tortoiseshell male, I thought your readers might be interested in this unusual color combination. The cat is owned by Mrs. George Koehler of Dousman, Wisc.

Mrs. Irwin F. Hoeft

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Oconomowoc, Wisc.

MISS PORTER

Dear Editors:

I feel that I, too, must express what Miss Porter was to me and to hundreds and hundreds of others. I am sorry for those who never knew her for she was



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COVER

Our Cover this month is a portrait in poplar wood of a treasured cat of Gwynneth Holt, one of Great Britain's distinguished sculptors. While she works mostly in ivory, Miss Holt is known both in England and in this country for her sculpture in wood, bronze, concrete and terra cotta. A number of her ivory carvings are in the famous Dr. Schneidman collection in New York.

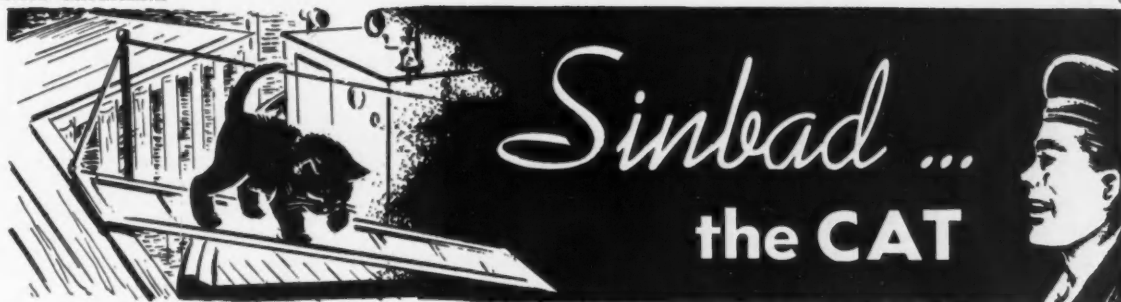
Miss Holt is especially interested in cats and has two Seal Point Siamese, Lemling Richard and Lemling Sally (both bred by Mrs. Ella B. Martin, Herons, Waltham Road, Borcham, Essex, England) whom she has spent much time sketching and sculpturing.

Her cats, too, are always interested and curious when Miss Holt is modeling or carving, oblivious to the danger of flying chips which they consider as pucks in an exciting game. They sit for hours watching closely and when a cat begins to take shape, they seem to recognize it immediately as one of their own species, at times looking rather fierce and ready to attack should the stranger prove unfriendly. But they remain interested through all the various stages until when it is finished they realize it is without smell and quite harmless. Nevertheless, they treat it with respect, and always when passing they turn and give it that extra look just in case!

one unforgettable individual with a heart as big as herself, and as long as I knew her, (about twenty years), I never knew her to do an unkind thing. If she did not like you, she just did not talk about it. She was generous to a fault, at the last Show in New Orleans, ACA, she had cooked a very large turkey and a duck to serve as sandwiches to the out-of-town exhibitors and Judges. After the Show was over, Winnie, my daughter and husband and I—went out to visit Evelyn Shedden's new home, we had a wonderful time. Her birthday was about this time—I mailed her a card but I am afraid she never received it. Good bye Winnie, I'll be seeing you later on.

Mrs. Marie Kliem

1076 E. Trigg Ave.
Memphis, Tennessee



by
Thomas Cooper

Small, every day events, often bring to mind much more important happenings of years gone by. A stray whiff of perfume somebody is wearing, or a resemblance in a stranger to some almost forgotten friend. I saw a coal black mother cat the other day that relit the lamp of memory and I could see another black cat and a ship.

In 1943 my family and I were living in the States and I had a defense job. Meeting an old shipmate and talking of Halifax and the desire to go to sea again, caused me to join the Merchant Marines. Finally I sailed on a 10,000 ton Liberty from Boston. While we docked in Glasgow, several of us, off watch, were loitering around in the stern when a small



cat, black as the night after a flash of lightning, came cautiously up the gangplank and crept aboard. It started aft. The chief mate spotted it! Quickly he stooped and scooping the small bundle of blackness up threw it over the side. He would not have any blank, blank cat aboard. We looked at each other and some muttered, but we did nothing. Some time later a very wet black blob, hair all slicked down and shiny wet, crawled aboard once more. It was black!! Another pair of eyes besides ours were alert for the mate was there. Before we could grab the cat the mate had him again. He was mad clear through. He passed us as he went to ship's side and was swearing as he threw the black one overside once more.

Tex, our six foot four boatswain said loudly as the mate returned, "If the poor little buggar comes aboard again and any so and so throws it over he will blank go after it." The mate glowered and glared but moved away without say-

ing anything, and we stayed out, hoping.

Eight bells was ringing and we were breaking up to go on watch when the gangway watch came quickly up to us handing a cowering, shaking and soaking wet cat to us. "Take him quick and hide him," he said. I took the cat and hurried down below to the galley. Being a cook, I could hunt around the galley and I found two or three potato bags. With these I made a bed for my charge and set him down gently on it. It was way under the stairway leading topside and Mr. Mate never looked there so I figured he wouldn't start now. Next I went back and found an opened can of milk and a tin plate. Back to the cat and pouring out a little milk, I set it down.

The boys drifted by one at a time after supper to see how things were and told me we were to meet later on and give him a name. After several names had been rejected, I was asked for a name. I said, "Well, boys, he is a sea-going cat and black and a castaway, so I think 'Sinbad the Sailor' is just right." So Sinbad it was.

We sailed next morning, slipping down the Clyde to Greenock and out with the convoy. Sinbad was right at home by then, but cannily kept out of the officers' sight. Some nights he would go to the guncrews' quarters, others we'd have company in our cabin. Always quiet, he would carefully climb up onto the foot of the bunk he chose and curl up and sleep until daylight. Then back to his own quarters!

Nearing the Canary Isles we ran into trouble—dive bombers, and Sinbad had his baptism of fire. He was terrified and scooted for the next bunk! I followed and called him softly when in the guncrew quarters. One of the blankets on a nearby bunk quivered and I found a very scared Sinbad away down at the foot of the bed between the sheets! Gently I hauled him out, talking to him all the while, and bye and bye he calmed down. We had several more raids and even were torpedoed but he was scared only once more, I'll tell you about that later.

Sinbad went ashore at Oran in North Africa, but soon returned. Some days later, back in Glasgow again, we worried that he might leave and one of us went down the gangway before we let Sinbad walk down. We need not have worried, however, for he walked ashore, sniffed the air and then stalked back aboard. The mate saw him the moment Sinbad came on deck! Then Sinbad literally disap-

peared, he scooted away so fast. Mr. Mate didn't smile or frown, keeping on his pacing the deck. Maybe Tex in the offing had something to do with it!

Two more trips from Glasgow to the Mediterranean, to Casablanca and return and finally to Bone, Algeria. This last was the worst ever. Bone was a few miles from where Rommel was being charged and the Jerries tried every way to stop us getting supplies into Bone. Eleven raids by dive bombers a day, and for the seven days we were there.

Hold on, this isn't a war diary but a story of a cat!

We suffered buckled plates from a very near mine and with pumps going day and night sailed for Glasgow again. The pumps held the water in check and when the Navy saw we could hold together they packed us off for Boston.

March on the Atlantic is no fun, especially when it is blowing a half gale. The seas tower over your very small ship, and you pray. This was the way it was when we were only a few days from home. Excitement and shore fever ran high. All hands, except the chief steward, planned what we would do and say. Even Sinbad was counted and I was going to take him home with me. The old chief steward was a wet blanket. "This ship is wicked," he croaked. "We'll never reach port!" How right he could have been!

Night closing down, chow time and all ready for it when, Bang! Alarm bells rang and ship's whistle blew. Boat stations and supper forgotten, we grabbed life jackets and tin hats and ran. I found Sinbad and, rushing up to the boat deck, tossed him into the second mate's cabin and then on to my boat station.

Bitter cold wind soon chilled us through and through as we stood waiting for orders. No planes could live in that gale and it must have been pure luck for a sub to be able to get us with a torpedo.

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Illustrations by Jean Ward

FEWLINES 'BOUT FELINES

I am not so much irked by those
who hate cats as by those who
apologize for them.

Guy Bogart

TO SUE OR NOT TO SUE

A house, a husband, and a cat
Are my most choice possessions.
The problem of the cat will be
The theme of these confessions.

She whets her claws on my best rug
Demands my high-priced meat,
And every evening by the fire
Selects the softest seat.

She roams the house dispersing fur
In all the four directions,
And slyly works to alienate
My husband's affections.

Aileen E. Watkins

CAT NAP NOTE

I love to lie in the big easy chair--
It is a splendid place, I find,
To pause from mews, rest paws, and
muse
On people who are kind.

Ruth E. Riley

PURRODY

My cat comes
On little fog feet
And sits looking
Over cream and pink salmon.
She silently lunches
And then moves on.

Maura Horton

CAT SAYS GRACE

The cat says grace right after meals.
He thinks that it is funny
That man expresses thanks for food
Not yet within his tummy.

As claws go smoothly in and out--
"I'm grateful for this milk,
But, Lord, of course, had it been cream
My fur would shine as silk.

"The mice I catch must do for meat
See how I serve mankind.
And man in turn provides a home,
Through none to good, I find.

"I give his house a peaceful look.
I purr upon the sill.
No one can guess my old-soul thoughts,
The lands I roam at will.

"I was a god in ancient times.
Dynasties worshipped me.
So why for food and drink and care
Should I obsequious be?"

—Jeane V. Davis

Collected by ANNE METCALF

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

John Wilkes, my cat, sits on the fence
Reciting with such eloquence
I think his feline brain must know
All Shakespeare's lines for Romeo.

I've noticed just a time or two
(With windows up, when breezes blew)
My Shakespeare open, and above it
My cat, but I thought nothing of it.

For cats like paper. Now I wonder,
While elocutionary thunder
Waxes and wanes from back fence
stages—
Did wind or John Wilkes turn those
pages?

Bonnie May Malody

FUTILITY

Where have you been, oh kitty?
And what have you to say?
Is not your home a happy one?
What makes you go away?

Your air is condescending,
Your attitude urbane—
Oh well, all Hail, Your Highness,
And welcome home again.

—Kim Worthington

God pity the folk whose mem-
ories cherish no mind-pictures of
cats or dogs or other pets.

Irwin Hayden

POKER FACE

Inscrutable manner,
Blazing blue eyes,
Sable-tipped sweetheart,
Our Siamese Surprise.
If ever our Father
Looked earthward with grace
It surely was when
He made Poker Face!

Doris Amison

FOR MOTTIE

(Killed by a car August 8, 1954)

On August the Eighth she wandered
away
Shouldering her pearl guitar;
We watch her now at her solar play
Leaping from star to star.

Her golden eyes are lit by the glow
From a Vega-lanterned sky;
Her music is part of the galaxy flow
Of ethereal light drifting by.

She sits at the opal door of the moon
Playing her pearl guitar;
Oh, may it open soon
To the lovely note—the melodious bar!

Fling wide the luminous door to our cat,
To her with the mottled fur;
Allow her to lie on a cloud-soft mat
And watch the planets whir.

Urian De Pledge

FROM THE ADDRESSING OF CATS

Again I must remind you that
A Dog's a Dog—A CAT'S A CAT.
With Cats, some say, one rule is true:
DON'T SPEAK TILL YOU ARE
SPOKEN TO.

Myself, I do not hold with that—
I say, you should ad-dress a Cat.
But always keep in mind that he
Resents familiarity.
I bow, and taking off my hat,
Ad-dress him in this form: O CAT!
But if he is the Cat next door,
Whom I have often met before
(He comes to see me in my flat)
I greet him with an OOPS! A CAT!
I think I've heard them call him James—
But we've not got so far as names.
Before a Cat will condescend
To treat you as a trusted friend,
Some little token of esteem
Is needed, like a dish of cream;
And you might now and then supply
Some caviare, or Strassburg Pie,
Some potted grouse, or salmon paste—
He's sure to have his personal taste.
(I know a Cat who makes a habit
Of eating nothing else but rabbit,
And when he's finished, licks his paws
So's not to waste the onion sauce.)
A Cat's entitled to expect
These evidences of respect.
And so in time you reach your aim,
And finally call him by his NAME.
So this is this, and that is that:
And there's how you AD-DRESS A
CAT.

From Old Possum's Book of Practi-
cal Cats., by T. S. Eliot. Harcourt,
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CAT

Who is the friend who can renew
A love for the selected few?
The Cat! She loves within her fur
And puts her soul into her purr!

—Harold Faller

CAT BY THE HEARTH

The cat drowns,
With a tiger's leap
The ever present possibility
In her keep;
And a million years
In a lair
While wind combed
The silk sea hair,
Warm by the hearth
And draw
Together in a tight safe
Curl of claw.

Adelaide Weston

If they steal they don't call it
business, and if they fight, they
use their own claws.

From Thoughts of My Cats

By Bruce Marshall

THE STORY BEHIND THE NYLON SCRATCHING POST

by
Roger Goldworthy

Cats are important people to the Manchester Hosiery Mills of New York City and Manchester, New Hampshire. And the pictures of this cute Siamese kit show why.

It all started when a felineophile customer wrote in saying that her playful young kitten had scratched her legs, drawing blood, but that her Ironwear Nylons hadn't shown a trace of a run.

So out Manchester went, looking for eager cats and shapely legs to test them on--and sure enough the lady was correct--claw though they may, and paw they might--Ironwear Nylons came through all right!

Thus was born the idea for the nationwide advertising featuring the Siamese kitten trying in vain to tear the nylons, which you may have seen in newspapers and other mediums.

Retail stores in all parts of the country have cooperated in the campaign by using windows or counter displays with live Siamese kittens (with special care being taken for their comfort and health), and in other ways featuring the playfulness and attractiveness of the kittens as well as the wearing ability and beauty of the nylons.

Getting the proper photograph to key the whole campaign, and having it climaxed with the final picture at the upper right was an enjoyable and thrilling adventure for the company and the kittens, too, as the pictures show.

Of interest to cat lovers are not so much the final results, but the natural appeal of every one of the many trial shots taken in an effort to get *the* one that would send feminine shoppers running to hosiery counters. Ted Kaufmann, advertising and promotion director of



Siamese Kitten Photo (the final result of all the proofs on this page) which is successfully selling Nylons throughout America.

Manchester has some D. S. H.'s of his own, but decided they hadn't quite the glamour needed for this job so hired two professional models from Siamese breeder Mrs. Ruth E. Lindon of 1001 St. Nicholas Avenue, New York. And with a bag of catnip skillfully wielded by co-star Gloria Godfrey the Seal Point kittens took turns in testing the veracity of Ironwear's claims.

That a good time was had by all seems pretty evident from the poses the kittens assumed, but best of all Mr. Kaufmann (parts of him are sticking into the pictures, here and there) finally got the shot that proved his point, and once again honor and fame in the business world had come to well-deserving members of the feline race.





**Shipping
Your
Cat
by
Blanche
Wolfman**

Do you love your cats? Then you are going to do all within your power to see that they have the best possible care. But you may not always be able to do this personally, especially when occasions arise which make it necessary for you to ship them. Again the statement might be made: Do you love your cats? If so, you are going to make sure that they are shipped in the best practical manner and that they receive all the care that is necessary en route to their destination. To help you in this is the purpose of these words with you.

Shipping a cat should never be done in a haphazard manner. Two things must be especially considered: the best means of transportation and the comfort of the cat being shipped. Why is this necessary? The reason is a simple one. You are taking your cat out of your loving care and sending it out in the temporary charge of someone who cares less for it than you. Rough handling, delay, and discomfort may be its lot unless you take special precaution for its protection.

Up to the time of shipping you have protected your pet from disease and the many other things that are associated with cat life. It is your job to so prepare its method of shipment that it will arrive at its destination in perfect shape with the recipient able to take over the care that you have given it. If you have sold the cat, the buyers will be expecting a little bundle of joy and their first impulse will be to love the little creature. If your cat comes to them a "sorry mess" they will be very disappointed and the blame will be on your shoulders for mistreatment. Remember its care does not end with your placing it on a train or airplane. Do the best you can in the light of the following discussion and you will be rewarded with a telegram of joy.

Schedules

Let's begin with some words on scheduling the shipment. If you ship it by rail, the first thing that should be done is to inquire of the Railway Express Company as to what train the cat can be shipped on. Your local express office will supply you with this information for they have the latest word on all train schedules. However, it must be understood here that animals cannot be shipped on just any train. The only trains that will take animals are those on which there is a *messenger*: a person who rides on the train and has the specific job of taking care of animals. He has received much training for his work and does the best possible job in caring for the animals. If the express office cannot be

easily contacted, call the train dispatcher of the road on which the cat is being shipped and he can tell you about the messenger. Make sure that your contact knows and gives you the correct information concerning train departures for there have been cases where cats have been left at the station for twelve hours or more waiting for a train with a messenger. The cat might better be left at home while waiting for the correct train.

When you have made such preparations as securing the train number, the time of its departure and the time of its arrival at the destination, notify the purchaser so that the cat can be met as the train arrives at the distant station. Of course, the express company can send the cat directly to the purchaser by truck, but this entails more delay and it is best for the health of the animal that it be received as soon as possible. Make sure that all this information is in your hands at least a week before the shipment is to be made.

Carriers

Just what type of a carrier do you intend to use for shipping your cat? If it is to be a short trip, say twenty-four hours or less, it is wise to use a regulation hard fiber carrier similar to a suitcase and with a handle on the top center. With a carrier such as this there is little chance of the water inside being spilled or that the cat be turned upside down. If it is to be a long trip of a few days, a more stable carrier should be used. There are many strong carriers on the market that will well serve your purpose. But in this "Build it Yourself" age, if you should care to build your own carrier, there is an excellent suggestion along this line in the book by the Fairchilds entitled *Cats and All About Them*. However, if this book is not available to you another suggestion would be to make a carrier from an orange crate. Cover the entire bottom of the crate with cardboard to keep the feet of the cat from coming out, and cut a hole in the center partition large enough to allow the cat to pass freely back and forth. Cover one of the compartments with wood and the other with a door made of wood with a large wire mesh window and attached with a pair of hinges. The side of the partition with the wire mesh door can be used for sanitary pan and food dishes, while the other will provide comfortable sleeping quarters. A coat of kemptone will do much to make this creation very presentable. If the shipping is to take place in the summer, the carrier should be light and airy, and if during the winter, more closed in to keep out the cold.

If you are going to ship your cat by Air, be sure that the carrier is a presentable one so that if it is necessary to take it along on a passenger flight, the company will not reject it because of its looks.

Vital Information

Now for a little added vital information before we go any further. Two shipping tags are required for each carrier.

One can be of the wire fastening type and the other should be pasted right on the carrier. Should one get lost or damaged in some way, the other tag will assure delivery. Print plainly both your name and the receiver's name on the tags, making sure to give the correct street, number and city. If possible, the receiver's phone number should also be noted so that in case of delay at the destination it can be picked up; and your phone number should be included in case there is a delay in shipping. If the receiver is to pick up the cat at the station, mark "WILL CALL" plainly on the tags.

The Express company expects you to give them directions for handling the cat, but in giving instructions, make them as brief and as clear as possible. In this way anyone could take care of it. Give the feeding time and what is to be fed, making sure that the food that is sent along is food that the cat will eat. Remember the company cannot supply special foods for your individual cat. If milk does not agree with your particular animal mark plainly "NO MILK". Instructions on the changing of the sanitary pan should also be noted on the carrier.

Inside the Carrier

Now to the inside of the carrier. Two dishes of a plastic type should be supplied; one for water and the other for food. We recommend plastic to prevent any possible damage that might result to the cat by broken glass or sharp metal. The dish for the water must be deep enough to prevent possible spilling. Arrange the dishes so that they will be securely held in place. A small sanitary pan can be provided for the cat in which either commercial litter or paper may be used. A word of caution must be entered here: it is important that the cat and carrier should be kept free of odors so that the shipping company will have no complaints. Use a good deodorizing compound in the pan.

The bottom of the carrier can be covered with paper or a turkish towel. Be sure that you do not use newspaper for the print will come off and soil the cat. Chopped up paper such as used in shipping chinaware is ideal as a bottom cover, for the cat can snuggle up in it and keep warm should the trip be a cold one. Any special instructions to the receiver can be placed in an envelope and either tacked inside or pasted on the side of the carrier.

It is advisable to send along some fresh litter, too, so that the sanitary pan may be changed if the trip is long and the messenger be required to do so. Secure this in the carrier in a small bag. An older cat will not eat much nor use the pan very often whereas a kitten will do both. So be on the safe side and include enough litter and food, which brings us to our next thought.

Food

The shipping company will provide food for the cat, but it probably will be
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SH --- HERE COMES THE PROFESSOR!

by Polly Booth

Tall, ranging Nils Svensjold, representative from the International Language Conference, tried to close his ears to the voices which buzzed around him in the great University Assembly Hall. He was stooped over his brief-case, arranging meticulous piles of notebooks and reference pamphlets. When the professor finally entered the room, he wanted to be ready, his finely sharpened pencil poised. He did not intend to miss a single word of this startling new plan for fostering friendly communication between the peoples of the world.

But in spite of himself, he heard the booming words of John Decamp, Vice-President and Sales Manager of International Oil:

"Took a lot of boning up to learn this professor's language but it's certainly worth it to take this course! Why if I can lick it, I think I've got the greatest sales gimmick since Dale Carnegie, or the free gift brush, or—well—the Dry Martini," he added, in all fairness.

Then Spencer Medlington, Doctor of Biology at Mayfair Medical, adjusted his pince-nez, and began with his usual precision.

"For my part, I think it is utterly ridiculous that we are forced to master this professor's tongue as a pre-requisite of the course."

"Perhaps it's a matter of principle with him," interjected the gentle professor of Semantics from Pilgrim College, Dr. Odin Blair. "In fact, he intimated as much to me yesterday at lunch. He told me that you, Professor Medlington, had always insisted that his language simply did not exist—at any rate that's what you've maintained in your scientific papers, is it not? I imagine it rather amused him to insist that you study it."

Professor Medlington shrugged.

"Personally, I fail to see that it has any advantages over Esperanto, or Volapuk."

Dr. Randah Cahm, of Calcutta, chimed in:

"We of the East have always had to learn English, you know!"

He chuckled and shook a roguish finger under Medlington's lofty nose.

"Turn about is fair play, don't you agree?"

"And then his insisting on a chair upholstered in velvet, no less!"

Professor Medlington nimbly changed to another grievance.

"Why, I even had to buy my own air cushion last semester when I—er—had that trouble."

Over in another part of the room, where the psychological authorities were huddled, Dr. Erna Harper was speaking. Dr. Erna had ardent eyes, and a skin as soft and pink as that of the tiny babies which were her special field. Her degree was still as shiny and new as her ideals. Her voice was warm and enthusiastic.

"I think this is the most amazing advance in the science of psychology in years—just think what it would mean if

we could teach children this art right from birth! Why, we could prevent countless neuroses in later life, I'm sure."

Tom Whaley snorted. Whaley was the police psychologist over at Central Station. Maybe he didn't have a string of letters after his name, but he'd learned about people the hard way. He thought Dr. Erna was a swell-looking girl, and he wouldn't mind dating her, but he couldn't let that starry-eyed statement go unchallenged.

"Well, personally, I think it's a lot of hog wash. You're going to have screwballs, and con men and sex maniacs as long as you have human beings. But with the new Administration going all out for "Constructive Criminology"—"

The words trembled in the air, supported only by his contempt, "Suppose I have to go along with it."

Dr. Erna looked at him with such indignant, stricken eyes that Whaley thought better of it. After all, she was very pretty, and he didn't want to lose out entirely. He reached over and took her hand.

"You know, you might have something at that—come to dinner with me after this is over, and maybe I'll let you convince me, even if the prof can't."

Her flashing smile rewarded him.

From over in the corner, where he was setting up the elaborate recording equipment for World Broadcasting, Al Hynes, their top technician, gave his opinion.

"What gets me, I hear this guy figures he has to have special food—red mullet flown in from Madagascar yet—" He shrugged. "But the big boss says we can't let Linguaphone and Berlitz get ahead of us on this, and never argue with the boss, I always say—but it does sort of burn you, at that!"

"Sh—sh—here he comes," whispered Dr. Erna, laying her finger to her lips. The murmurs ceased and all eyes were turned towards the professor, striding into the room, with soft padding steps. He relaxed upon the velvet cushions of his especially upholstered chair. His eyes, green and inscrutable, looked over the assembled students. He tapped noiselessly for attention and began:

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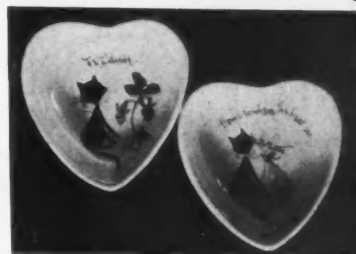
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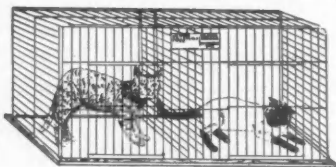
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How do we get our money back, with enough on the side to pretend we are coming out ahead, not counting time spent day after day in caring for our brood, which is really great fun?

Patience is our keyword. After placing an ad in the "Pets" classified section in our own city's Sunday newspaper, we are often amused by the ridiculous arguments of persons who call or visit with the purpose of acquiring a pedigreed and registered kitten of good breeding and good quality for nothing or very near it. Since we do not advertise price, many persons call with the intention of getting a kitten free in exchange for a good home. Yet, our total calls rarely run over fifteen on the busiest Sunday afternoon; they pose no bother at all; always the callers are sincere in their fashion, though some are strictly alley prowler fanciers, yet lovingly affectionate toward the species. Usually the low bidders and the free pleading callers are anonymous, and it is our belief that their interest sometimes increases to the extent that they call back to make an appointment to see the kittens, and some, eventually, buy one to take home.

We had six kittens, in July, and did not start advertising until they were ten-weeks old. The kittens seemed to be at their very cutest when they were available to the public. Their blue eyes were full of sweetness, and they played with everybody they met. Their little voices were so soft that listeners strained to hear them. Underfoot, they sometimes had their tails stepped on, and we were surprised by full-grown yowls from the half-pint-size youngsters. These kittens soon became large for their age, and we wondered if they would grow out of kittenhood before we found places for them. Some week-ends we sold two, and some week-ends none. Only one went to a close acquaintance; another went to

clients of our veterinarian, who previously asked him to tell them when a good Siamese was available. The ads seemed to be the main route. Even a neighbor almost directly across the street, in speaking distance from our front yard, did not know about our kittens until recently, finally noticing the ads, and picking one of our last two. Coincidentally, one of our family (husband Ronald) made a business call on the husband of a lady, who unaware of same, called the next day on the subject of kittens, and came to choose one. She was sold on the idea of taking one home, except that renovations were being made in her house, with workmen going in and out constantly. We agreed to keep the kitten until the builders were done.

Until that moment we had two un-called-for kittens on our hands, growing into cats by the minute. One thing in their favor was a gorgeous coat, getting prettier as the kittens grew older, as Siamese fur will. Another was their house manners, getting steadily more admirable, although, as the kittens grew taller and stronger, they were able to resist no longer certain interesting trinkets and house plants that had been just out of their reach.

We reasoned that in all fairness to persons who had payed full price, we should not succumb to sacrifice fever in moving the kittens to good and appreciative homes. A big boon to our resolve about future litters is the neighbor across the street who didn't notice our ad until the *n*th time it was printed. We realized that a new audience would see it in each publication and each time it was printed. Also, as a dividend, we heard from persons with Siamese who asked us to visit, and got some mail from owners of registered studs that we didn't know about, and that might be promising for a future visit when *mama* begins looking for kittens this spring.

All in all, we were satisfied to move the kittens slowly, at our regular price. Once our last kitten was four months of age, before it left, but was more charming than ever. One advantage of having one kitten, and only one, on hand was that when some mischief was perpetrated, we didn't have to ask who did it.

We are satisfied with the way our kittens went. We had the very great pleasure of their company for a long time. They have the best homes we could imagine for them, with persons who feel they are getting great treasures regardless of monetary values.

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Eagerly Fred seizes her; he hugs her very tight, and Pussy squirms in vain; he examines the wonder; he pokes his fat little fingers into Pussy's bright eyes; he opens her mouth and looks at her little pink tongue. He sends her a little while with her head up, and then, for vanity's sake, he sends her with the heels up, and her head hanging down. Then it occurs to him that Pussy's tail is a nice handle to carry her by, and he tries that experiment. At last Pussy's patience gives out, and from out her pretty velvet paws fly the ten little, sharp, pearly points that have been given her for her defence, and Fred feels a new sensation. He throws Pussy on the floor and runs screaming to mamma.

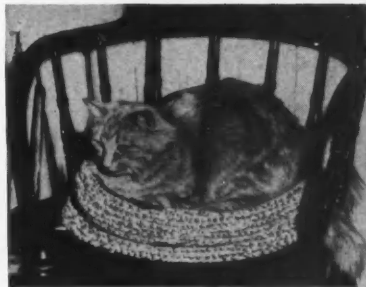
"Oh, mamma, mamma, Pussy got pins in her toes!"

by
Harriet Beecher Stowe

Then mamma explains to Freddy why the pins were put in Pussy's velvet toes. Poor, soft, furry, helpless little Pussy! What could she do if she had no pins in her toes! Does Freddy like to have people poke their fingers in his eyes, or open his mouth, or feel of his tongue? No more does Pussy. Would Freddy like to be carried around, squeezed up under somebody's arm, with his head hanging down? No more does Pussy. But Pussy cannot speak; she cannot complain—all she can do is use the pins in her toes.

"When Freddy holds Pussy right-end up, strokes her gently, and speaks lovingly to her, the sharp little pins in her paws go away, clear in—where nobody can see them, and Pussy begins to sing a purring song to show how happy she is! So, Freddy dear," says mamma, "there is a right way and a wrong way to handle everything. If you hold Pussy gently, stroke her softly, and treat her kindly, you will never be troubled by the ten little pins in her ten toes; but if you trouble, and worry, and tease Pussy, she will scratch."

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Her two playing kittens and the spring-time theme put Mrs. Northway's fine composition just ahead of the hundreds of other fine entries in this month's chapter of the year-long contest sponsored by the American Crabmeat Company in cooperation with CATS magazine. \$25.00 Bonds are awarded every month, and a grand \$100.00 Bond prize is given in January to the top picture submitted during the year.

This is the fifth year of the contest, and every year many of the outstanding entries have been compiled into the famous and hilarious *CAT-O-GRAPHS* with captions specially selected for humor by the contest judges. Volume Four, covering 1954 is now ready, and entrants in this year's contest have a similar double opportunity for recognition of their work—first in the monthly awards, and then in the 1955 Volume of *CAT-O-GRAPHS*.

Send your cat photos—5x7 or larger securely wrapped with heavy cardboard backing—to *Cat Picture Contest*, P. O. Box 403, Boston 2, Mass. Be sure that your name and address are attached firmly to the back of each entry.

All photos are eligible for both monthly and yearly contests. If received too late for one month, entries are automatically entered the following month. All pictures submitted become the property of American Crabmeat Company and can not be returned. Please do not submit colored photos or Kodachrome slides nor ask for the return of entries.

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Cats Question Box

Conducted by E. A. Renaux, D. V. M.

Could you tell us what is the difference in having our little females spayed or sterilized? I have heard that it spoils them to have them spayed.

—Mrs. W. C. R. Hutchinson, Kansas

To spay or not to spay. That is the question that has gone on for years and will never be settled. Any changes that have been brought to my attention have been minimal and it would be very difficult to determine whether or not the change would have taken place if the animal had been left alone.

Of course it is natural to blame any difficulty that would arise after surgery on the operation but I feel that almost all of this is entirely unfounded. Mating for animals is a natural instinct for the preservation of their kind. There is no Freudian emotionalism involved.

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The problem concerns my Siamese, a neutered male of two-and-a-half. After an undefinable illness of two weeks during which he was very quiet, seldom moved from heat, ate a few bites in as many days, didn't seem to be in pain—he recovered. In a few days, his face turned grey. This happened to an older Siamese (seven) who died shortly thereafter. Our vet. cannot seem to diagnose this illness. My cat has been getting vitamins (Upjohn's Unicaps) for over a year, and has a varied diet. Perhaps you have heard of this from other owners, my experience with Siamese is very limited.

Mrs. N. D., Chicago 17, Ill.

The lightening of the hair could be expected if the cat had been treated with any of the antibiotics, penicillin, aureomycin, etc. and this effect is most noticeable in Siamese. The behavior you record is seen in many pets and it is a very difficult problem to cope with, usually because there are no specific symptoms or physical changes to base a diagnosis on. Good nursing and attention in these cases are probably the most important requirements. By the way, we suggest vitamins made especially for cats, not humans.

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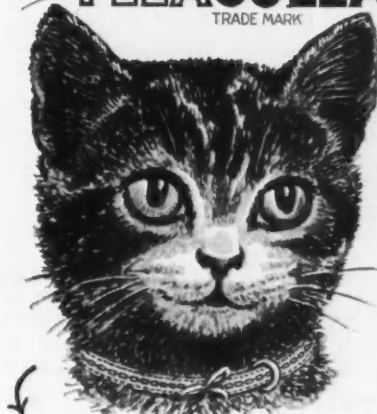
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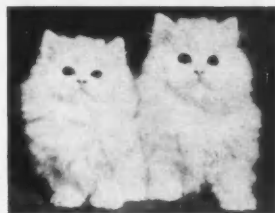
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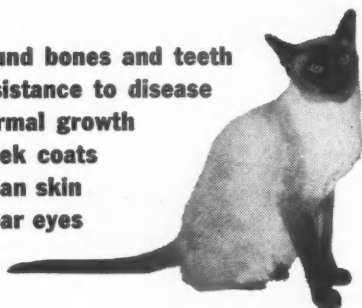
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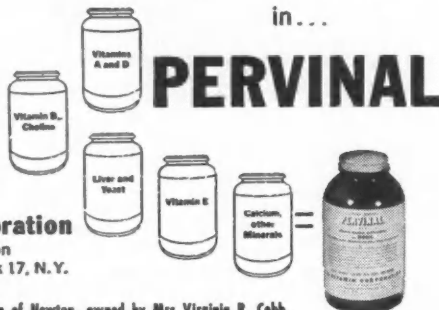


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by Helen Johnson

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WHOLLY FAIR IS SHE

THIS IS SYLVIA, by Sandy Wilson, author and composer of *The Boy Friend*; E. P. Dutton & Co., New York, \$2.50.

We of the feline world should, I suppose, be very pleased that Mr. Wilson has chosen a cat as his vehicle for tickling satire on the vagaries of life within the Hollywood-New York, London-Riviera axis.

That playwright-composer Wilson accorded the honor to a feline in this, his first book, we imagine may be due to Sylvia's intense hold upon him in private life. Sylvia is his cat, and this is ostensibly her autobiography, though we may say some poetic license has been taken.

Sylvia's story really begins in London the day Hester Briggs, one of her Mother's old friends, calls for tea. Hester takes pity upon this child of her flighty pal, in tears now over a cod she has been left to prepare for supper while Mother gallavants. Accordingly she takes Sylvia under her wing, and when Sylvia's mother departs for America with Cyrus T. Rocksalmofeller, feels it her duty to see Sylvia is properly raised and launched upon a suitable career.

Since Sylvia is endowed with beauty, and Hester, her mentor, with brains plus wide experience gained as owner of the Kit-Kat Club (in its heyday, the 20's), the entertainment field seems a likely one to choose. Upon graduation from Madame Alice Whiskeronova's Academy of Drama and Dance, Sylvia is fortunate enough to step into the chorus line of *TAILS UP!* From there, she progresses to the girls' octet in *THE PRINCESS AND ME* (starring the Siamese, Get Yu), where one evening, due to an accident, she becomes for that night the star of the show.

After this incident, many roles are offered to Sylvia, and she is on the way to stardom in her own right. Her first immensely successful show takes her to New York, where the play folds rather neatly: Hollywood calls, and out she goes to star in such well-known films as "Ama Catrenina", "Salome", "The Goldfische Follies" and "An Alleycat Named Desiree." Wonder if Marlon Brando ever saw himself as a big black Tomcat. There is a certain resemblance in one of the many remarkable drawings depicting scenes from Sylvia's films.

Sylvia's tragic first love sees her arrive alone in Nice, then Florence. The chapters covering her retreat to the Florentine convent and subsequent introduction to the literary world are just as frankly-written, soul-revealing, and intriguing indeed as those dealing with her earlier life in the theater.

We don't want to spoil this illuminating study of one cat's path to fame by telling how all those obstacles were conquered, conflicts resolved, success achieved along with peace of mind and without psychiatric fee. Besides, this is a book one must see to be able to describe, and



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even then, it's pretty indescribable. It's not a cat book, it's not a book on the theater, strictly speaking. What, then, is it?

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C & S Reporter

"American Cat Fanciers Association" Formed
A new nation-wide cat association was announced on January 27, 1955, by Russell Middleton, Organizing Secretary, of P. O. Box 233, Dallas 21, Texas. Incorporated in Delaware as American Cat Fanciers Association, the original incorporators are Mr. Middleton, E. E. Spencer, Jr., and Rebecca Middleton.

Differing in several respects from ACA, CFA, CFF, and UCF—the four existing associations—some of ACFA's most radical departures will be individual mail balloting on officers and changes in By-Laws, Show Rules and Registration Rules; individual memberships as well as club memberships; full recognition toward ACFA Championships of points won in any other association; awards for intermediate steps between Championships and Grand Championships; and championships for neuters and spays.

By stressing democratic governing methods, and giving full credit to members' wins in other organizations, ACFA seems certain to be an important influence in the future course of all the Cat Fancy. Full information on membership and rules may be secured by writing direct to the Organizing Secretary at the Dallas address.

Penn State Says Bon Voyage to Ex-Sec.

Club members gave a surprise bon voyage party to Jane H. Mervine, former Penn State Cat Club Secretary at the new Reading, Pa., home of Mrs. Harry B. Gauntt. Jane sailed for England on the Queen Mary February 26. New Penn State officers are: President, Mrs. Betty Youngman; Vice President, Dr. Nancy Riser; Treasurer, Mrs. S. A. Beaver; Secretary, Mrs. Pauline Filkins, 412 White Horse Pike, Audubon, N. J. Show Secretary is Mrs. Gauntt.

New Year Party for New Golden West Club

The first meeting of the Golden West Cat Club was held appropriately on New Year's Day at the home of Peter and Eileen Anderson. After games, traditional New Year food, and a lot of good cat chat, the club business was transacted with Mr. Frank Magnan being elected president, Eileen Anderson treasurer, and Miriam Williams secretary.

Garden State "News" and News

We must comment again on the excellent work being done by the Garden State Cat Club of New Jersey in giving their members and friends full information about the progress of the club. The latest "Garden State News" gives, in addition to the usual current happenings, full judges' reports on the Garden State Show—information which every exhibitor there will find of great value. New club officers are: President, Richard Gebhardt; First Vice President, John Lindgren; Second Vice President, Anthony Desantis; Secretary-Treasurer, Jean Rose, 56 Jacobus Avenue, Box 226, Great Neck, N. J. Trustees are Sara Lindgren, Chairman, Robert Bird, Elsie Hydon, Mrs. King and Mr. Bruce. Jean Bird is Editor of the "News."

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CFF SOLID COLOR CLUB—New Secretary is Mrs. Mary Heist, 9501 40th Road, Elmhurst, L.I., New York.

Fanciers Forum

JUDGING THE JUDGES

Dear Fellow Fanciers:

The undersigned is just starting out as a breeder of Shorthairs and has only attended two Cat Shows.

But these two shows have made me realize why the American standard is not comparable to the British standard with regard to Cats. After talking with a goodly number of cat breeders, they all agree that the fault is with the judges. Some of the judges follow the standards as set forth by the Associations and others seem to entirely disregard them. For instance, a cat wins a first with one judge and doesn't win a first, second, third or fourth with the other judge at the same Show. It is quite true that there is a deviation of opinions, but there *never* should be of standards.

Why spend years trying to build up a reputation and trying to breed the perfect cat if standards are not going to be recognized and cats of lesser standards are given the prizes? It has gotten to the point that rather than a good cat, the blue ribbon is of more importance.

To remedy this situation, I suggest that the breeders and cat owners insist there be a school for persons that aspire to become judges. Certainly, the Association that has the most competent judges will profit in the end.

As a starter for discussion, I suggest the following regulations:

The school will be held in the summer as the need for judges arises. The location of the school should vary each year, Northeast, Southeast, Mic Central, Northwest and Southwest United States should each have its turn. There should be an established entrance fee to take care of the expenses of the Examiners and Directors.

Recognized Breeders of not less than ten years experience and Judges of not less than fifteen Shows shall be eligible for Examiners. They shall make application and chosen according to their seniority in their respective fields.

There shall be two Shorthair Breeders and two Longhair Breeders and two Judges. Their expenses shall be paid by the Association. Each Breeder shall give four hours instruction as to the points recognized as to standards of the Association in his or her particular field. One Judge will then summarize the standards for Shorthairs, explain the difficulties that come up at shows and answer any questions of the applicants. The other Judge will do the same for Longhairs. This should take three days.

On the fourth day, the Cat Club where the show is held should hold a private show and receive the same awards as though it were public. No cat should be shown at the school any way shall see any of the cats until he or she is to pass judgment. First one Breeder of Shorthairs and one Breeder of Longhairs judge the cats in their respective fields. Then the other two Breeders will follow and do the same. They will immediately turn their scores over to the Director for comparison. Any that are identical will stand. Then the applicants will judge one by one. All scores must be turned over to the Director immediately upon leaving the exhibition.

If the Breeders have scored identically, the Ribbon will be then put on the cages. Then the judges will judge the show in the same manner they would judge any show except for the Cats that already have ribbons on their cages. When the judges are judging, they may call on the opinion of the Breeders at any time as the awards must be conclusive. If the applicants are 75% or more in accord with their scores on the final decision, they shall be given a license to judge for the Association. This license shall be signed by the Breeders, judges and Director participating in the school.

In the manner that judging is now handled, it would seem that incompetent judges would not get any appointments, but due to the shortage of funds many of the Cat Clubs sponsoring a Show and paying the expenses of their judges have to disregard competence and curtail expenses and select them within a reasonable radius.

No judge should be allowed to accept any invitations or gratuities from anyone showing cats during the Show.

Then too, the people exhibiting cats should not carry their own cats to the judging cages. There should be enough interested teen agers to do the work as stewards.

Also, an exchange of one of our judges with an English judge should also be arranged every year, always bearing in mind the seniority of the applicant in number of shows judged in the United States.

I feel quite sure that this procedure would

raise the standards of Cats and encourage breeders to continually watch the blood lines until our catteries would become as well known as Doneraile, Prestwick, Southwood, etc. are known in England and also enable the conscientious breeder to realize more on the sale of their cats and kittens, making it well worth their while to give the patience necessary to obtain the best cats.

Unless the breeders and cat owners get together and insist on adherence to standards recognized by all of the judges, jealousy, assension and dishonesty will continue.

Be assured your comments shall be appreciated.

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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE

Dear Editors:

Champion that she is in most respects, I do wish that Mrs. Wolfram had not said "Breed your too-dark Smoke Queen to a Shaded Silver"—and I most ardently wish that all who read it may promptly forget it! Here in California—by long, patient effort—we have just about succeeded in breeding out of our Smokes all the Silver characteristics, the lighter bone, the Tabby face, the green eyes. As a result, California Smoke breeders are coming up with some truly magnificent cats, approaching the Blues in type and massiveness. I can speak only for the California Smokes, of course—perhaps all the rest of the country is still breeding Smokes from Silvers. But I do sincerely hope that no one owning California-bred Smokes will breed to Silvers and risk having to start all over again in development of type and eye color. When Mrs. Wolfram speaks of a "too dark" Smoke, I assume she means one lacking white undercoat, since, according to standards of all associations, Smokes must have black topcoats and black points. If one does not wish to reach that white undercoat by way of the longer, sounder process of highly selective breeding, an Orange Eyed White stud of good type would be greatly to be preferred over a Silver. My own choice would be a Smoke stud with outstanding white undercoat, since I am greatly interested in selective color-breeding of Smokes. Obviously, that doesn't mean just any Smoke to any Smoke—but it is the basis upon which many breeders in this area are developing the increasingly beautiful Smokes we are seeing at the shows in ever greater numbers.

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REPORTER

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Show Reports . . .

GREATER ST. LOUIS CAT CLUB (CFA)—17th Ch. Show, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 20-21, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mrs. Lester O'Neill. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Dixland Sir Gai of Normont, blue m, Mrs. Merald Hoag, 2nd Best Cat—Ch. Normont Snowshoes, OE Wh m, Mrs. Hoag. OS Cat, Best Open, OS LH, OS SC—Normont Luscious, blue f, Mrs. Hoag. Best Gr Ch—Dixland Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m, Mrs. Paul Swan. OS Ch, Best SH, Best Siamese—Shawnee Heather, BP f, Nikki Horner. Best Nov.—Shy's Castle Cathy, blue f, Mrs. Willard Shy. OS Nov.—Wallman's Prince Charming, SP m, Mrs. H. J. Wallman. Best Silver—Ch. Shy's Castle His Royal Shyness, chin m, Mrs. Willard Shy. OS Silver—Shy's Castle Binnette, chin f, Mrs. Shy. Best T&T—Ch. Shawnee Masquerade, tortie, Nikki Horner. OS T&T—Favor's Twilight Commodity, sil thy m, Mrs. Naomi Favors. OS SH, Best Manx—Stoner Jet of Miamanx, blk m, Mrs. Margaret Newton. OS Manx—Ch. Rosedore Dolly of Chesterfield, OE Wh f, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. OS Siamese—Ch. Blue Grass Adonis, SP m, Mrs. Lucas Combs. Best DSH—Ch. HRH Mystical of Cobourg, sil thy f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS DSH—Yeffie Lazy King, brn thy m, Mrs. Effie J. McCaffrey. Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Tere of Re Ru, f, Russell Middleton. OS Aby—Abu of Knot Hall of Blue Grass, m, Mrs. Lucas Combs. Best Burmese—Su-Ryan Burma Demi-Tasse, f, Mrs. Wm. M. Ziegler. Best Kit—Lynwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Normont Lauri, bl cr, Mrs. Merald Hoag. Best Neuter—Blue Acree Nudger, blue, Terry Jackson. Best Spay—Redcoat Fluffy, red, Mrs. A. P. Bolinger.

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY—Judge, Miss Kay Thoma. Best Cat, Best Ch.—Normont Snowshoes, OE Wh m, Mrs. Merald Hoag. 2nd Best Cat, Best Gr Ch—Dixland Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m, Mrs. Paul Swan. OS Cat, Best Open—Normont Luscious, blue f, Mrs. Merald Hoag. OS Ch.—Gaymoor Merry Dee of Pats Beautiful, blue f, Mrs. Helen Mackiewicz. Best Nov.—Shy's Castle Cathy, blue f, Mrs. Willard Shy. OS Nov.—Bonnie's Blue, blue m, Mrs. Margaret Newton. Best Open—Jamies of Blue Acree, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. Best Kit—Blue Acree Dream of Fame, blue m, Mrs. Scott. OS Kit—Shy's Castle Tina, blue f, Mrs. Willard Shy. Best Neuter—Blue Acree Nudger, blue, Terry Jackson. Best Spay—Redcoat Fluffy, red, Mrs. A. P. Bolinger.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Miss Kay Thoma. Best Cat, Best Nov, Best Siamese—Wallman's Prince Charming, SP m, Mrs. H. J. Wallman. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open—Abu of Knot Hall of Blue Grass, m, Mrs. Lucas Combs. OS Cat, OS Open, Best Burmese—Su-Ryan Burma Demi-Tasse, f, Mrs. Wm. M. Ziegler. Best Ch, OS Siamese—Shawnee Heather, BP f, Nikki Horner. OS Ch.—Blue Grass Adonis, SP m, Mrs. Lucas Combs. OS Nov.—Marhan Minka of My-Lo, BP f, Mrs. Frank Lockrey. Best DSH—Vee Roi's Red Lady, red thy f, Mrs. R. H. Hecht. OS DSH—Yeffie Lazy King, brn thy m, Mrs. Effie J. McCaffrey. Best Manx—Ch. Stoner Jet of Miamanx, blk m, Mrs. Margaret Newton. OS Manx—Ch. Ba-La's Queen's Desire, bl cr, Mrs. R. W. Boehlow. OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Tere of Re Ru, f, Russell Middleton. Best Kit—Medicine Lake Chah-Dah, SP m, Mrs. Adolph Olson. OS Kit—Medicine Lake Coco Doll, CP f, Mrs. Frank Lockrey. Best Neuter—My-Lo Sajon, Siamese, Mae Camden.

HAWKEYE STATE CAT CLUB (CFA) 2nd Ch. Show, Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mrs. Frances Kosierowski. Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch., Best LH, Best Silver—Kerry Lu Ramon of Casa Contenta, chin m, Mrs. Helen Van Zee. 2nd Best Cat, Best SC—Gr. Ch. Dixland Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m, Mrs. Paul Swan. OS Cat, Best Open, OS LH, Best T&T—Shy's Castle Cissy II, bl cr f, Mrs. Willard Shy. Best Ch.—Silver Moth Macbeth of Blu Acree, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. OS Ch, Best SH, Best Siamese—Wee Sal of Medicine Lake, SP f, Mrs. Adolph Olson. OS SC—Ch. Lavender Lyric of Bloemhill, blue f, Mrs. John Bloem. OS Silver—Shy's Castle Joni, chin f, Mrs. Willard Shy. OS T&T—Red Top Toby, red m, Martha Morris. Best Nov.—Chesterfield Zut, blue f, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. OS Nov.—Wallman's Hastamannana Rystedt, BP m, Mrs. Leone Rystedt. OS SH, OS Open, OS Siamese—Wallman's Prince Charming, SP m, Mrs. H. J. Wallman. Best DSH—Bur Mur Judy of Clapp, blue f, Mr. and Mrs. Don Clapp. OS DSH—Ch. Bur Mur Judy of Clapp, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. E. Burrell Finch. Best Manx—Ch. Rosedore Dolly of Chesterfield, OE Wh f, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. Best Aby—Andsa Pu Scherrima of Wah Ji, f, Mrs. F. W. Helm. Best R. blue, Troika's Prince Cobalt, m, Lessee, Don Clapp. Best Kit—Bloemhill Lorelei, bl cr, Mrs. John Bloem. OS Kit—Blue Acree Dream of Fame, blue m, Mrs. Wanda Scott. Best Neuter—Blue Acree Nudger, blue, Terry Jackson. Best Spay—Blue Belle, bl cr, Mrs. J. A. Randles.

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Robert Martin. Best Cat, Best Ch.—Khyber's Kalypso Joe of Longhill, blue m, Mrs. Archie Stray. 2nd Best Cat—Ch. Siesta Barney Google, peke red m, Mrs. T. C. Trent. OS Cat, OS Ch.—Gale Knoll Adiana, blk f, Mrs. H. D. Perdue. Best Gr. Ch.—Dixland Rebel of Les Cygnes, BE Wh m, Mrs. Paul Swan. Best Nov.—Gaymoor Don Juan, blue m, Marie Stodden. OS Nov.—Chesterfield Zut, blue f, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. Best Open—Barbe Eleue Briargate B'Cardi, blk m, Mrs. C. F. Rotter. OS Open—Kansas City Carmel O' Chesterfield, cr f, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. Best Kit—Lynwood Moonmist, blue m, Mrs. F. L. Lindsey. OS Kit—Kenlea Lylac Baby, blue f, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Anderson. Best Neuter—Klinker, blk, Mrs. J. A. Randles.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Martin. Best Cat, Best Ch.—Wee Sal of Medicine Lake, SP f, Mrs. Adolph Olson. 2nd Best Cat, Best Nov.—Cymri, BP f, Mrs. F. L. Corlies. OS Cat, OS Ch.—Dalai Jakki, SP m, Virginia Daly. OS Nov.—Wallman's Hastamannana Rystedt, BP m, Mrs. Leone Rystedt. Best DSH—Ch. White Pansee of Bur-Mur Farm, BE Wh f, Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Finch. OS DSH—Ch. Mouser Jr. of Bur-Mur Farm, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Finch. Best Manx—Ch. Rosedore Dolly of Chesterfield, OE Wh f, Mrs. Ethel Kingsland. Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Regalia of Samdum, f, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best R. Blue—Troika's Prince Cobalt, m, Lessee, Don Clapp. Best Kit—Medicine Lake Coco Doll, CP f, Mrs. Frank Lockrey. OS Kit—Samdum's Rebel Gool, Aby, m, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Sample. Best Neuter—Hans Ezekiel SP, Mrs. Don Allen.

BOSTON CAT CLUB (CFA) 49th Ch. Show, Boston, Mass., Nov. 12-13, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Miss Kay Thoma. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Siamese—Yindling Careless of Cymri, BP f, Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. 2nd Best Cat, Best SC—Kav R. Jonese, blue f, Mrs. H. J. G. Rudolf OS Cat, Best Nov, OS LH, OS SC—Little Boy Blue of Bouquet, blue m, Mrs. Richard Butts. Best Gr. Ch.—Chindwin's Singumgin of Newton, SP f, Mrs. Virginia Cobb. Best Ch.—Rockdene's Kannaika, BP f, Mrs. John R. Pruett. OS Ch.—Casa Loma Cupid, OE Wh m, Mrs. Rita Swenson. OS Nov.—Newton's Desiree, SP f, Mrs. Virginia Cobb. OS Open, OS SH, OS Siamese—Wu Tincetto, SP f, Mrs. Lillian King. Best Silver—Pretty Girl, Chin f, Mrs. Helen Champeau.

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Best T&T—Gommel's Gay Rusty, red thy m, Mrs. Harry Gommel. OS T&T—Spero's Tabby of Sunset Garden, brn thy f, Miss Joey Parsell. Best DSH—Ch. Tri Mt. Susie II, blue f, Miss Irma Rich. Best Manx—Ch. Endless Stripes, brn thy f, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McGlory. OS Manx—Ch. Endless Smokey, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McGlory. Best Aby—Yindling Miss Mouse of Cymri, f, Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. OS Aby—Su-Ryan Aly, Pasha, m, Rosa Nomi Cattery. Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Tera f, Mrs. Parker Leonard. OS Burmese—Casa Gatos Myree, m, Dorothy V. Roark. Best R. blue—Dunloe Aphrodite De Casa Gatos, f, Robert Bruce. Best Kit—Oolong Rufus, Burmese m, Dorothy V. Roark. OS Kit—Chirn Sa Hai Yu-Li of Newton, SP f, Mrs. Virginia Cobb. Best Neuter—Citrus Ridge Valentino, sh sil, Mrs. Ralph T. Mabie. Best Spay—Poppy Kaan of Ebon Mask, SP, Mrs. Frank Caldwell.

SOLID COLOR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Robert Martin. Best Cat, Best Open—Kay-Ru Dickie of Bouquet, blue m, Mrs. Richard Butts. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch.—Casa Loma Cupid, OE Wh m, Mrs. Rita Swenson. OS Cat, OS Open—Wimauma Rosita of Allington, blue f, Mrs. Arvid G. Ohlin. OS Ch.—Dresden Sal II of Bagdad, Odd E. Wh f, Mrs. Anita McDonald. Best Nov.—Wimauma Dylan, blue m, Mrs. Arvid G. Ohlin. OS Nov.—Wimauma Mair, blue f, Mrs. Ohlin. Best Kit—Pinewood Blond Bombshell, blue f, Mrs. Antoinette Wormstead. OS Kit—Pinewood Cher Ami, blue m, Mrs. Wormstead. Best Neuter—Sho-Tai, blk, Miss Frances B. Hiller.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mr. Anthony De Santis. Best Cat, Best Open, Best Siamese—Yindling Careless of Cymri, BP f, Mrs. Lillian Pedulla. 2nd Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch.—Chindwin's Singumgin of Newton, SP f, Mrs. Virginia Cobb. OS Cat, Best Nov, Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Myree, m, Dorothy V. Roark. Best Ch.—Rockdene's Kannaika, BP f, Mrs. Parker Leonard. OS Ch.—Casa Gatos Tera f, Mrs. Parker Leonard. OS Burmese—Casa Gatos Myree, m, Dorothy V. Roark. OS Open—Vee Roi's Gayoso of Mo-Ling, SP m, Mrs. Max Fiedler. Best DSH—Ch. Tri Mt. Susie II, blue f, Miss Irma Rich. Best Manx—Mayden, blk f, Mrs. Wallace R. Ham. OS Manx—Ch. Endless Smokey, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph McGlory. Best Aby—Su-Ryan Dina Hassan, f, Rosa Nomi Cattery. OS Aby—Su-Ryan Aly Helena, blk f, Mrs. Frank Lockrey. OS Nov.—Sun Dial's Stardust, BP f, Mrs. Parker Leonard. Best Kit—Chirn Sa Hai Yu-Li of Newton, SP f, Mrs. Virginia Cobb. OS Kit—Green Lane Valiant, CP m, Mrs. Rex Naugle. Best Neuter—Little Prince Silky Paws, SP, Miss Elizabeth Turcotte. Best Spay—Styx, blk, Mrs. Aida Zanetti.

SILVERGATE CAT CLUB (ACA) 3rd Ch. Show, San Diego, Calif., Nov. 6-7, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Miss Lucy Clingan. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH, Best SC—Shanna Groith White Bugle, OE Wh m, Mrs. Helen Smith. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best Silver—Kiva Shaddo, sh sil m, Ada May Miles. OS Cat, OS Open, Best SH, Best Siamese—Beaver's Blu Ette, BP f, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS to 2nd Best, OS Ch. OS LH, Best T&T—Lanny Lea's Favorite, bl cr, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Best Gr Ch—Julie's Bandit of Jadawh-Boren, BP m, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren. Best Nov.—Co-Mc's Lucky Mickey, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McPhie. OS Nov.—Sun Dial's Stardust, BP f, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dial. OS SC—Ch. Lady Gay of Pensford, cr f, Albert M. Paris. OS Silver—Ch. Kerry Lu Shirlen, sil f, Elizabeth Thompson. OS T&T, OS SH, OS DSH—Ch. Tommy Orange, red thy m, Dr. Fern Smith. Best DSH—Ch. Billig's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, GE Wh f, Dorothy Graham. OS FSH, Best R. blue—Petya of Flomar of Mission City, m, Mrs. Blanche Warren. OS Siamese—Ch. Kosack's Suki, CP m, Mrs. Helen Kosack. Best Manx—Ch. Minus of Mei-Li, f, Mrs. Virginia Swann. OS Manx—Ch. Senza Coda's Storm Cloud, blue m, Mrs. Swann. Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Melodia of Circle B, f, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brinkworth. OS Aby—Zam Zam, m, Mrs. Florence Derrig. Best Burmese—Ch. Casa Gatos Tana, f, Mrs. Blanche Warren. Best Kit—Souvenir's Black Pirat, blk m, Mrs. L. F. Stevens. OS Kit—Lamar's Pepper, CP f, Lt. Cdr. C. L. Jones. Best Neuter—Capri's Little Tyke, SH, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mulkey. Best Spay—Capri's Cinda, SH, Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Ruth Lentz. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Shanna Groith White Bugle, GE Wh m, Mrs. Helen Smith. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best Silver—Kiva Shaddo, sh sil m, Ada May Miles. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best T&T—Lanny Lea's Favorite, bl cr, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. OS to 2nd Best, OS Open, OS SC—Mrs. Alexander Aurora of Billig, Odd E. Wh f, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. Best Nov.—Co-Mc's Lucky Mickey, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McPhie. OS Nov.—Lanny Lea's Moon Dust, bl cr, Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Coome. OS Silver—Ch. Kerry Lu Shirlen, sil f, Elizabeth Thompson. OS T&T—Ch. Lightning Warrior of Smithway, red thy m, Mrs. Helen Smith. Best Kit—Azulita Petruska, blue f, Mrs. Walker K. Johnston. OS Kit—Smithway Taddy, red thy m, Helen M. Smith. Best Neuter—Christopher Noel, Miss Ruby Wendt. Best Spay—Kerry Lu Allura of Silver Dell, Mrs. Willard Schenk.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Ruth Lentz. Best Cat, Best Open, Best FSH—Petya of Flomar of Mission City, R. blue m, Mrs. Blanche Warren. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch.—Phyatak Mr. Big, SP m, Mrs. Ethel Maule. OS Cat, OS Open, Best Siamese, OS FSH—Beaver's Blu Ette, BP f, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS to 2nd Best, Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Zara of Kiva, f, Ada May Miles. Best Gr. Ch.—Julie's Bandit of Jadawh-Boren, BP m, Dr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Boren. OS Ch, Best Burmese—Casa Gatos Tana, f, Mrs. Blanche Warren. Best Nov.—Blu Ghene, BP m, Dr. Fern Smith. OS Nov.—Marjac's Leilani of Maui, SP f, Anne E. Petit. Best DSH—Kosack's Mr. Al E. Katt, brn thy m, Mrs. Helen Kosack. OS DSH—Ch. Billig's Patina, smoke f, Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Billig, Jr. OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Jade, m, Dr. Fern Smith. Best Kit—Beaver's Chi Lambo, SP m, Mrs. H. T. Beaver. OS Kit—Lamar's Pepper, CP f, Lt. Cdr. C. L. Jones. Best Neuter—Capri's Little Tyke, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mulkey. Best Spay—Capri's Cinda, Mr. and Mrs. Mulkey.

MARIN COUNTY CAT CLUB (ACA) 4th Ch. Show, Petaluma, Calif., Oct. 30-31, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mrs. Edith Schulte. Best Cat, Best Gr. Ch., Best LH, Best SC—Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, cr Ch. Whiney, 2nd Best Cat, Best Open—Crethaven Mr. Big of Prieta, blue m, Mrs. Marion Beller. OS Cat, Best Nov, Best T&T, OS LH—Bluegate's Joy, bl cr, Mrs. John Pinkston. OS to 2nd Best, OS Ch, OS SC—Shanna Groith's Black Pearl, blk f, Mrs. Colleen Aslyn. Best Ch.—Crethaven's Sunlight, blue m, Jack and Althea Wedel. OS Gr. Ch.—Lamar's Kuan Yin, BP f, Lt. Cdr. Charles L. Jones. OS Nov.—Marcliff's Black Prince, blk m, Col. F. Brundage. Best R. blue—Ch. Kiva Za-Bobo, smoke m, Ada May Miles. OS Silver—Ch. Princess Robin of Laguna Honda, sil thy f, Mrs. Larina M. Nielsen. OS T&T—Beau Minou II of Sylvia, peke red thy m, Mrs. Louise Sylvia. Best SH, Best Manx—Ch. Senza Coda's Storm Cloud, blue m, Mrs. Virginia Swann. OS SH, Best Burmese—Ch. Casa Gatos Tana, f, Mrs. Blanche Warren. OS Manx—Ch. Minus of Mei Li, sil thy f, Mrs. Virginia Swann. OS Burmese—Ch. Gerstdale's Mulraj II, m, Mrs.

Ruth Larson. Best Siamese—Ch. Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett. OS Siamese—Sha Lin's Femme Fatale, CP f, Miriam Williams. Best DSH—Gr. Ch. Renee's Zaza of Kiva, sil thy m, Ada May Miles. OS DSH—Ch. Billie's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, GE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. Best R. blue—Petya of Flomar of Mission City, m, Mrs. Blanche Warren. Best Kit—Greenbough's Cygnet, sil m, Mrs. Robert Hare. OS Kit—Fiddler's Green Adventuress, bl cr, Jack and Althea Wedel. Best Neuter—Victorian Wonder Boy, LH, Mrs. William Fairley. Best Spay—Silver Queen of the Valley, LH, Mrs. Kathleen Simkins.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Rosamund Flynn. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Cresthaven's Benedict, blue m, Mrs. Dorothy Denning. 2nd Best Cat, OS Cat, OS Ch, OS SC—Shanna Groith's Black Pearl, blk f, Mrs. Colleen Aslyn. Best Gr Ch—Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitney. Best Nov, Best T&T—Bluegate's Joy, bl cr, Mrs. John Pinkston. OS to 2nd Best, OS Nov.—Cal-wa's Tawny, red m, Mrs. Emma Grant. Best Open—Cupcake's Spice of Casa Contenta, sil m, Mrs. Virginia Cullins. OS Open—Flagstone's Gay of Shanna Groith, BE Wh f, Mrs. Colleen Aslyn. Best Silver—Ch. Nui Kane Rania of Spring Mountain, smoke m, Winifred C. Miles. OS Silver—Ch. Silver Mesa Miss Pixie sh sil f, Drois P. Cook. OS T&T—Beau Minou II of Sylvia, peke red thy m, Mrs. Louise Sylvia. Best Kit—Bluegate's Eastern Parade, blue m, Maida K. Pinkston. OS Kit—Shanna Groith's Cuddean Wild Rose, GE Wh f, Mrs. Colleen Aslyn. Best Neuter—Victorian Wonder Boy, LH, Mrs. Wm. Fairley. Best Spay—Silver Queen of the Valley, LH, Mrs. Kathleen Simkins.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Howard Cassasa. Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best Siamese—Lamar's Kuan Yin, BP f, Lt. Cdr. Charles L. Jones. 2nd Best Cat, Best Ch—Kwan Yin's Princess Mei Hua, CP f, Bill and Adele Deeths and Gene and Ione Wilson. OS Cat, OS Ch, OS Siamese—Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett. OS to 2nd Best, OS Gr Ch, OS DSH—Renee's Zaza of Kiva, sil thy m, Ada May Miles. Best LH—Ch. Burque Lee's Licorice Stick, blk f, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitney. Best Nov—Hollycat Jill of Bograe, SP f, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forrest. OS Nov, Best R. blue—Petya of Flomar of Mission City, m, Mrs. Blanche Warren. Best Open, Best Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Zaza of Kiva, f, Ada May Miles. OS Open, OS Manx—Manxland Finlo, blk m, Lynn and Dolores Dana. Best Manx—Senza Coda's Tizab of Sunni-Slope, blue f, Evelyn Clark. OS Aby—Ta Lee Ho's Mello of Circle B, m, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Brinkworth. Best Burmese—Ch. Casa Gatos, f, Mrs. Blanche Warren. Best Silver—Ch. Gerstale's Mulkray II, m, Mrs. Ruth Larson. Best Kit—Tanaquil, BP f, Edward Brehm. OS Kit—Bograe's Nabou, Aby m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best Neuter—Tee Ah's Ri Lee, Jr, Bill and Vera Forrest.

TRI COUNTY CAT CLUB (ACA) 1st Ch. Show, Chico, California, Dec. 11-12, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mrs. Leila A. Paterson. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best LH—Ch. Cresthaven Mr. Big of Prieta, blue m, Mrs. Marion Beller. 2nd Best Cat, Best Gr Ch—Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitney. OS Cat, OS Open, OS LH, OS SC—Shanna Groith's Star of Persia, GE Wh f, Colleen Aslyn. OS to 2nd Best, OS Ch—Leilani's Liliukalani, blue f, Jack and Althea Wedel. Best Open—Shirelle's White Cavalier, BE Wh m, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Forrest. Best Nov—Skyland Lyla of Rania, sh sil f, Mrs. Marie Rania. OS Nov—Tempurra's Skylark, BP m, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett. Best Silver—Nani Lei My Cudlette, sil f, Mrs. Mildred Joseph. OS Silver—Greenbough's Merryman, sh sil m, G. Evelyn Metcalfe. Best T&T—Tuf-E-Nuf of San-Dee, brn thy m, Mrs. Andrew J. Flynn. Best SH, Best Sia—Ch. Tempurra's Truly Fair, CP f, Master Rick Birkett. OS SH, Best Aby—Casa Gatos Abou O'Bograe, m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS Sia—El Rancho's Starfire Royale, FP m, Mrs. Paul Catalana. Best DSH—Ch. Lamar's Tabithan, brn thy m, Mrs. R. McDonald. OS DSH—Ch. Burque Lee's Licorice Stick, blk f, Mrs. R. D. Whitney. Best Manx—Ri-Bo's Nixie, tortie, R. P. Wilson. OS Manx—Ch. Ri-Bo's Dhoo Gaelig, blk m, R. P. Wilson. OS Aby—Bograe's Teta, f, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best R. blue—Lamar's Nicola of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best Burmese—Ch. Gerstale's Mulkray II, m, Mrs. Ruth Larson. OS Burmese—Regal Mocha of HRH Marin, f, Mrs. Spencer Smiley. Best Kit—Bluegate's Hon-Nee of Azulita, blue f, Mrs. John Pinkston. OS Kit—Val's Grand Creme, cr m, Val Malstrom. Best Neuter—Pan, SH Diane Hart. Best Spay—Tajie, SH, Mrs. Jack Gilbert.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Lucy Clingan. Best Cat, Best Gr Ch, Best SC—Burque Lee's Creme de le Creme, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Whitney. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open—Shirelle's White Cavalier, BE Wh m, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer J. Forrest. OS Cat, Best Ch, OS SC—Leilani's Liliukalani, blue f, Jack and Althea Wedel. OS to 2nd Best, OS Nov—T&T—Glen Nee of San-Dee, brn thy m, Mrs. R. D. Flynn. OS Ch—Shanna Groith HRH Caballero, cr m, Colleen Aslyn. OS Open—Bluegate's Joy, bl cr, Mrs. John Pinkston. Best Nov—Best Silver—Nani Lei Hapahole Keiki, smoke m, Julius and Mildred Joseph. OS Silver—Nani Lei My Cudlette—sil f, Mrs. Mildred Joseph. OS T&T—Tuf-E-Nuf of San-Dee, brn thy m, Mrs. Andrew Flynn. Best Kit—Fiddler's Green Soubrette, bl cr, Mary Ann Maxwell. OS Kit—Bluegate's Easter Parade, blue m, Mrs. John Pinkston. Best Neuter—Ming Toy, LH, Mrs. R. Manson. Best Spay—Coco, LH, Nancy O'Neill.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Howard Cassasa. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best Sia—Kuan Yin's Princess Mei Hua, CP f, Bill and Adele Deeths and Gene and Ione Wilson. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open, Best T&T, Best Manx—Ri-Bo's Nixie, tortie f, R. P. Wilson. OS Cat, OS Ch, Best Burmese, Best SC—Gerstale's Mulkray II, Mrs. Ruth Larson. OS to 2nd Best, OS DSH, OS T&T—Ch. Lamar's Tabithan, brn thy m, Mrs. R. McDonald. OS Open—Bograe's Ikato, SP m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best Nov—Bograe's Teta, Aby f, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest. OS Nov—Tempurra's Skylark, BP m, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett. OS SC—Best DSH—Ch. Burque Lee's Licorice Stick, blk f, Phyllis S. Whitney. OS Sia—Ch. Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP m, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Birkett. OS Manx—Ch. Ri-Bo's Dhoo Gaelig, blk m, R. P. Wilson. Best Aby—Casa Gatos Abou O'Bograe, m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS Aby—Bograe's Abessa, f, Mr. and Mrs. William Forrest. Best R. blue—Bograe's Petruska, f, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS Burmese—Bograe's Queen Hatasu, f, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest. Best Kit—Tanaquil, BP f, Edward Brehm and Robert Norby. OS Kit—Kwan Yin's Courvoisier, CP m, Bill and Adele Deeths and Gene and Ione Wilson. Best Neuter—Tiger, Gary Lawrence. Best Spay, Tai Wung, Lillian Jennings and John King.

ROSE CITY CAT CLUB—10th Ch. Show, Portland, Oregon, Dec. 11-12, 1954. **ALL BREED**—Judge, Mrs. Ruth Fisher. Best Cat, Best Ch., Best LH, Best Silver—Rio Casa's Fostoria, sil m, Irma Siegel. 2nd Best Cat, Best SC—Ch. Azulita Patriot of Casa Cielo, blue m, Mrs. Joan Arnold. OS Cat, OS Ch., OS SH, Best Siamese—Maraytra Tsung, SP f, Mrs. N. F. Bolinger. OS to 2nd Best, OS LH, OS SC—Ch. Klinkhammer's Angelleto, GE Wh f, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. Best Gr Ch—Lamar's Kuan Yin, BP f, Lt. Cdr. Charles Jones. Best Nov—Best Spay—Tempurra's Valiant, FP m, Jay Herrett & Olaf Engelsen. OS Nov—

Cats Show Calendar

- March**
 5-6—Hyattsville, Md.—Cat Fanciers of Washington, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mrs. C. F. Rotten).
 5-6—Oakland, Calif.—Golden Gate Cat Club, Inc. (CFA). All Breed (Mr. Charles G. Victor).
 18—Garden City, L.I., N. Y.—The Cat Fanciers of Long Island (ACA). All Breed (Christine Hartman); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. Ruth McNaughtan); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. Helen Hildebrand).
 12—Buffalo, N. Y.—Niagara Frontier Cat Club (CFF). All Breed (Mrs. J. J. Small); Longhair Specialty (Mrs. Betty Groell); Shorthair Specialty (Mrs. T. J. McNaughtan).

April Hill's Pandora, bl cr, Mary Ann Goodwin. Best Open, Best SH, Best Aby—Bograe's Simbu, m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. OS Open, Best T&T—Iris Hill Majorette, brn thy f, Mrs. Otto Friedli. OS Silver—Ch. Calure Gala of Chatami, sil f, Mrs. C. N. Powell. Best DSH—Ch. Billie's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, GE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. OS DSH—Ch. Gilmore's Sir Thomas Silver, sil thy m, Pearl R. Allison. Best Manx—Ch. Gilmore's Verna, tortie, Pearl R. Allison. OS Aby—Ch. Bograe's Naith, f, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest. Best Burmese—Brewster's Ay-Bee-La-Chaw-Ga-Let-Ko f, Betty J. Brewster. OS Burmese—Ch. Chin-Ki-Wong of Tang Wong, m, Mervil Stevens. Best Kit—Klinkhammer's Comette, GE Wh f, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. OS Kit—Bograe's Nabou, Aby m, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest. Best Neuter—Iris-Hill's Captain Kidd, brn thy, Mrs. Otto Friedli. Best Spay—Cascadian Colony's Mrs. Purr Pyn Yon of Prajadh, FP, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boothby.

LONG HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Ruth Lentz. Best Cat, Best Ch, Best SC—Azulita Patriot of Casa Cielo, blue m, Mrs. Joan Arnold. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open—Montpellier's Sinbad, blue m, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Allison. Jr. OS Ch, OS SC—Ch. Klinkhammer's Angelleto, GE Wh f, Mrs. Chris Klinkhammer. OS to 2nd Best, OS Open, Best T&T—April Hill's Pansy Puss, tortie, Mary Ann Goodwin. Best Nov, OS Silver—Williamson's King Tut, sh sil m, Robert A. Williamson. Best Silver—Ch. Rio Casa's Fostoria, sil m, Irma Siegel. OS Nov—Klinkhammer's Phiffit of Galaxy, bl cr, Mrs. Marie Hayden. Best Kit—Allison's Rocky, cr m, Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Allison, Jr. OS Kit—Chatami Delure, sil f, Mrs. C. N. Powell. Best Neuter—Iris-Hill's Captain Kidd, brn thy, Mrs. Otto Friedli. Best Spay—Bonnie, bl cr, Dennis Devitt.

SHORT HAIR SPECIALTY—Judge, Mrs. Lentz. Best Cat, Best Nov, Best Sia—Tempurra's Valiant, FP m, Jay Herrett & Olaf Engelsen. 2nd Best Cat, Best Open—Sundial's Misti Wun, CP m, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Dial. OS Cat, OS Open, OS Sia—Holly cat Jill O Bograe, SP f, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest. OS to 2nd Best, OS Nov—Sui Mei's Pao Su, BP f, Alta and Virginia Merriss. Best Gr Ch—Lamar's Kuan Yin, BP f, Lt. Cdr. Charles Jones. Best Ch—Knight's Sugar Plum, SP m, Knight's Cattery. OS Ch, Best Aby, Bograe's Naith, f, Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Forrest. Best DSH—Ch. Billie's Bon Bon of Old Oaks, GE Wh f, Mrs. Rupert Graham. OS DSH—Ch. Gilmore's Sir Thomas Silver, sil thy m, Pearl R. Allison. Best Manx—Ch. Gilmore's Verna, tortie, Pearl R. Allison. OS Aby—Bograe's Simbu, m, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Forrest. Best Burmese—Brewster's Ay-Bee-La-Chaw-Ga-Let-Ko f, Betty J. Brewster. OS Burmese—Ch. Chin-Ki-Wong of Tang-Wong, m, Mervil Stevens. Best Kit—Dorinda's Tiny Mite, SP f, Dorinda Minich. OS Kit—Say Yam's Peter Wong of Wila Ranch, CP m, Mrs. Don Schmidt. Best Neuter—Smith's Cho Sen, SP, Joan Lee Smith. Best Spay—Cascadian Colony's Mrs. Purr Pyn Yon of Prajadh, FP, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Boothby.

Directory Corrections

Pennsylvania, Siamese—GREEN LANE CATTERY, Mrs. Rex Naugle. Correct address is 919 Green Lane, Primos, Pa.

Illinois, Longhairs—SOPHIST-CAT CATTERY, Muriel Morton Koenig. Correct address is 1304 Astor St., Chicago 10, Ill.

Show Correction

Best Shorthair in the New Orleans ACA Show, October 15-16-17, 1954, was Grylin, Silver Tabby male owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wellington.



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Quotes from the Shows

By **BILLIE BANCROFT**

(Dixie Cat Club Show)

New Orleans CFA
December 4th and 5th, 1954

I always look forward to coming to the New Orleans Show. There is such a friendly atmosphere, hospitality and tradition fairly oozes from the Show—there is one bad feature however, well, maybe it is criticism. Mr. and Mrs. Rabbitt are actually killing themselves to make this Show a success. From all the Shows I attend, I find the same situation. Too, too few Club members taking the full responsibility of a successful Show. However—this show is TOPS ON MY LIST.

—Mrs. Foster Prather, Ben Hill, Georgia

I loved this New Orleans Show. The Judges were excellent. I liked the comments that they made while judging but it is certainly hard on the breeders having to place the cats in numerical order in the Show-room. I just can't take as many cats to the Show!!

—Mrs. Harry C. Garrison,
Houston 4, Texas

The Club is to be congratulated on the acquisition of new cages. A larger Showroom would have helped as space was very limited. The Rosettes were gorgeous and probably cost more than any Club should be expected to spend for rosettes. The Show was well judged. Bunny and Naomi Rabbitt are grand people and did a swell job in conducting the Show.

—Russell Middleton, Dallas, Texas

I did not see much of the Show in general, too busy clerking and I will say that anyone who brings ten Longhair cats to a Show and then clerks for the entire two days is stark, staring made so their comment shouldn't be worth much anyway. However it was a pleasure to work for Mrs. Keller, she does a marvelous job of judging and makes a lot of interesting comments. I do have a pet-peeve however which I have wondered about at all the Shows. WHY DON'T THE JUDGES WITH-HOLD WINNERS MORE OFTEN ON CATS WHICH HAVE NO COMPETITION, BUT WHICH DEFINITELY ARE NOT DESERVING OF CHAMPIONSHIP—(?)!!!!

—Joan Carter, Pharr, Texas

Billie Bancroft Comments:

Of course the Dixie Show was good—it would be news to us if it were not. Having an All-Breed Judge that is such a gate attraction is quite a help too. When you win under DeSantis, make no mistake you have something. I have been reliably informed that he ranks in the top six when it comes to judging. I've talked to several club presidents—they all think DeSantis is not only a good Judge but an unbelievable gate attraction as well. Mrs. Keller has a long line of judging dates back of her—I watched her judge in New York as well as a couple of Clubs in the mid-west.

Helen Mueller tells me the Show was good—but definitely good—she cannot understand why I can't hop down to New Orleans and cover this Show—well, being a newspaper woman by profession—I have a few other dates with the Associated Press and being a professional Press photographer as well—I just can't make all the Shows—Helen was emphatically stern with me—sooo—I sent her letter on to my Editor in Pittsburgh—thinking sure—I was fired. Bless the nice guy—he did not but an eye-lash.

The Atlantic Cat Club Show, New York City January 7th and 8th

Atlantic Cat Club Show certainly came up to my expectations. Mrs. Small is an excellent Judge and made each of us feel that we had a potential winner. I have had a grand time and the Show was well managed by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bode.

—Mrs. Gertrude Kathe,
North Bergen, New Jersey

I really think the Atlantic Show was well set-up with the exception that it should have had more publicity. The Judges were very fair.

—Helen Picciano,
Maspeth, L. I., New York

Asides too narrow, no grooming tables, Judges excellent, ribbons are beautiful. Wonderful to have Show finished early on the last night.

—Marjone MacEachen, Rockville, Maryland

Nice Show.

—Elsie M. Collins,
New York 63, New York

Better conducted than some I have seen

but asides too narrow.

—Mrs. H. F. Rosenberg, Rockville, Conn.

A very well coordinated, smooth running Show, different and attractive color scheme. The cats were beautiful.

—Mrs. T. J. McNaughtan,
Philadelphia, Penna.

I am attending this Show with my sister-in-law, I have a Domestic Short Hair at home in Dayton, I am particularly interested in Judge O'Connell. She is, in my humble opinion 'tops'—I think we should have a JUDGE OF THE YEAR. I herewith suggest Judge Doris O'Connell.

—Alice Hermach, Dayton, Ohio

Mrs. Bancroft—what a Show, what a Show, the cats seem to be handsome each year, breeders more enlightened each year as to the care, feeding, and pedigrees of the American Cats. Each of our Judges and our efficient manager deserve a big hand for their untiring efforts. Yours for Catdom.

—Julia Kohls,
East Rockaway, L. I., New York

Nice Show—Congratulations to Helen Koerner for winning Best in Show.

—Genevieve M. Gibson,
Upper Darby, Penna.

This is a delightful group of people. Excellent judging. I particularly appreciate the careful consideration given the Manx.

—Pearl Dee Church, Alexandria, Virginia

This has been a lovely Show. The judging efficient and very fair. The horse meat could have been better defrosted.

—Mrs. Leonard J. Hannon,
Bronx 52, New York City

I enjoyed watching the fine judging of Mrs. Doris O'Connell in the Aby class as this is a breed somewhat new here. I feel that Judge O'Connell knows more of this breed, as she is from California where they have been shown more. I enjoyed this Show.

—C. Rose, Palmer, Mass.

A TYPICAL Atlantic Show.

—Jean B. Rose,
Great Notch, New Jersey

Much better than the 1954 Show. Both judging and management.

—Mabel Turner, New York City

I have said before and I will say again, it is a good idea to eliminate the showing of kittens. I always enjoy the Atlantic Show. Lois Bode is a very competent Show-manager and both Shorthair Judges made fair decisions.

—Louise Fiedler, Media, Penna.

This is the first unkind thing I've ever said in a 'quote'—! Five minutes after my arrival at the Show room, without the least provocation I was spoken to most unkindly by one of the Show management, other than this, it was an excellent Show for me.

—Elizabeth Salmon, Lutherville, Maryland

As usual, I like the excitement of each Show and the chance to see old acquaintances again. This Show is particularly colorful to me.

—Thomas L. Martinke, Newark, Del.

We need more newspaper PUBLICITY. Pictures included. A good Show can always be improved and made better with the cooperation of the exhibitors. New York City is cat-conscious but needs more specific information on the subject. Let us have more explicit publicity.

—Marion Baisley, New York 31, N. Y.

Beautiful Siamese Show handled well by Mrs. O'Connell. Show nicely run by Lois Bode.

—W. R. Roose, Hamden, Conn.

This was a wonderful Show, each of the Judges were grand and I am proud that my Grand Champion, Glad-Low's Victory Bell of Mol-Vron is being retired under such an unusual Judge. (Mrs. J. J. Small), best wishes to Mrs. Lois Bode for doing a bang-up job as Show manager, she has the professional touch of an expert. The rosettes were beautiful.

—Molly I. Brennan, New Haven, Conn.

(More Quotes—Atlantic and other shows—next month.)



(Continued from page 5)

The mate and chips returned from inspecting the ship for damage. Soon the blinker went into action, telling our escorting corvette the story. Then she blinked an answer and the captain dismissed us. It was too rough to launch boats they said, and the corvette would stand by all night in case we broke in half. The sand ballast had taken the explosion but we had a crack on port side, forward, and another midships. Water rising slowly in spite of the pumps, and it was doubtful if we would last very long. Supper was a hectic meal; even we cooks kept our life jackets on. I took Sinbad something to eat after asking mate if it were okay to leave Sinbad in his cabin. "Sure," he said, "That's fine."

The storerooms were opened and anyone could help themselves to whatever they wished; the PX was opened and cigarettes, candy, etc. passed out freely. We cut up several loins of pork and fried them and everything was at sixes and sevens. This went on all night but about 4 A.M. the lights went out! Water too high in engine room. Luckily there were large electric lanterns so we had light.

A grey overcast dawn finally came, with heavy seas running and bitterly cold. The outlook reported no corvette or any ship in sight. Hours dragged by but no ship. We ate hurriedly then went to our boat stations. Finally word was passed, as there was no steam to blow the whistle, "Stand by to abandon ship."

The deck officers placed their sextants carefully in their boats and the crew quietly climbed in and sat waiting. I rushed back for Sinbad. Quickly I opened the second mate's door and went in and grabbed a pillow and shook the pillowcase off; then I called Sinbad; no answer, I hunted and hunted but didn't see him; it looked as though he had slipped out. I was about to go below and look for him when I heard a scratching noise from the clothes locker. I jerked open the door and there was Sinbad! He must have been shut in when the second mate took something out of the locker. I grabbed Sinbad, stuffed him into the pillowcase and took off. The boats were all lowered but mine. Someone yelled, "Hurry up cook, you got Sinbad?" I yelled, "Yes," and climbed in. Soon we were bobbing around clear of the ship.

Some four hours later we spotted the ice covered corvette and rowed nearer. It was too rough to come along side so we were told to get a couple of feet from her side and when the skipper yelled "Jump" to jump one at a time. We started and by and by it was my turn. I gave Sinbad, loose now, to a nearby sailor and told him I would jump and then for him to throw Sinbad at me. I made it and faced our lifeboat to catch Sinbad. Soon he came flying through the air like a flying squirrel; scared. This was the second time I had seen him real

scared! His tail was straight and about three times normal size; his fur was on end and his eyes were as big as saucers. Oh, he came, but, instead of heading toward me, Sinbad was heading several feet down the line. I moved that way and was in time to tear his claws loose from the shoulders of a big sailor where Sinbad had landed and had dug in. "Gorblime, wat the hell?" the sailor howled; Sinbad's claws were long and sharp and he really dug in. I apologized and explained who Sinbad was; the seaman relaxed and finally smiled; "Aw, take him up ahead to the wardroom," he said. Not wasting any time I obeyed.

It was a big room with bunks all around the bulkhead and some down the middle. A long table, with a bench each side, was at the near end by the door. "Sinbad", I said as I set him down on the deck, "You are on your own now."

He stood still while taking stock of his new surroundings and then deliberately stalked over to an empty bunk. He sniffed at the blanket hanging down lightly, leaped up and, after turning around a couple of times, curled up on the pillow and was fast asleep.

I joined my shipmates and we stood waiting.

A fireman on watch came across to his bunk and stood staring down at the cat on his pillow and, looking at us and jerking his head toward Sinbad asked "Is that your cat? You're the survivors?" We nodded and hoped he wouldn't kick Sinbad down. He didn't! He walked over to the bench and sat down and said, "Aw, let the poor little bugger sleep, I bet he's all in." Putting his arms on the table and resting his head on them, he was soon asleep.

Two days and a night later as we neared St. John's, Newfoundland, a Petty Officer came to me and asked if they could keep Sinbad as a mascot. He carefully explained that we would go to Army barracks and couldn't take a cat there. So Sinbad stayed and we landed.

I received a letter from the P. O. some months later saying that all was well with them and Sinbad.

A long time later I drifted into a tavern a hundred miles or so from Boston, and sat down opposite an old timer. We got to talking of this and that, finally getting around to the merchant navy. He had a nephew named Bill, a wiper in the blackgory, who had been to Glasgow, Oran, Casablanca and Bone AND had been torpedoed also. He added, "Yeah! And there was a crazy cook who kept the boat waiting when they abandoned ship. The crazy cook went back for a cat". "That's funny", I said excitedly, "I was that crazy cook."

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Dbl. Ch. Tempurra's Yours Truly, BP

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different from that which the cat is accustomed to eating. This can upset the cat and lead to some unforeseen trouble. So before shipping the cat, get it accustomed to eating some particular food that can be sent in small cans or jars. Having determined the length of time the cat will be in transit, include enough jars or cans to meet your feeding instructions or to cover the daily feedings, plus a few extras for emergencies. Again, these small items can be secured in the carrier in a cloth bag or a specially prepared compartment. If milk is the mainstay of the diet, be sure your cat is accustomed to the canned variety or a powder that can be easily mixed.

Air Travel

Although Railway Express is usually satisfactory, if it is possible to ship the carrier by Air Freight, it is best to do so, because of the time that can be saved. Inquire directly at the Air Freight Office at your airport as to the possibility of using that means of transportation. It must be understood that the airlines do not have any special messengers to care for animals so for this reason some will not accept animals for shipment, and the others accept them only if nothing is required in their care. No water may be placed in the carrier, but you can send food and a plastic dish in case there is a delay.

Despite the strict regulations on air travel, some airlines may be said to have a heart. This writer once sent a kitten unknowingly into the teeth of a hurricane. It so happened that the cat was late in leaving the airport and that by the time it reached the half-way point in the travel, the hurricane struck. The kitten was held at this point and the employees of the airlines took over the care of the kitten. They were perfect in their care and after ten hours of delay when the storm had passed, the kitten was again on its way well-fed, healthy and happy. Needless to say, many heartaches and anxious moments were spent by myself and the purchaser, but the kitten arrived safe and sound thanks to these kind gentlemen.

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Do's and Don'ts

Before we bring this discussion to a close, perhaps some further Do's and Don'ts might be added in the light of what has already been said. Do not send a dirty or sick cat. Do not use a broken carrier or one that is near the end of its lifetime. Do not ship over a weekend or in one of the seasonal rush times such as Christmas. Do not use a carrier that is so heavy that its weight will cost a small fortune in shipping.

Do have the cat insured for the trip. If anything is wrong after delivery, you or the recipient must notify the Express Company within the next twenty-four hours. Get a veterinarian's certificate to back up your claim. Do ship your cat when in good condition. Do bathe your cat a couple of days before shipping and not the night before. Do print plainly the proper addresses and instructions. Do make it plain to the buyers that the carrier is to be returned or they may think that it is included in the purchase price. Do have the carrier returned as soon as possible and disinfect it thoroughly when you get it home to kill any possible germs picked up in transit.

Again we must end our little chat together. It is my firm hope that these words might be of real help to you when you come to the time when shipping is of necessity. The next time we meet in this column, I should like to share with you my experiences with Violet Ray Lamps and their use in diagnosing and protecting our loved friends against disease. Many thanks for reading this and your questions and comments will be sincerely appreciated, for it is only as one breeder shares their thoughts with another that our cats receive the care that is due them.

MAXINE B. RYAN

All of her many friends will be saddened to learn that Mrs. Maxine Ryan passed away January 25th at the home of her parents in St. Albans, Long Island.

I know of Mrs. Ryan's pain and suffering, having spent two weeks with her some years ago, but no matter how badly she was feeling, she had always a place somewhere on her bed for one or more cats, and a kind word for all.

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